



# Santiam Flycasters

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## BOARD MEETING

Monday, Sept. 8, 7:00 pm  
Garibaldi Family Restaurant

## GENERAL MEETING

Pringle Community Center

Thursday, September 11

5:30 pm Casting Practice

Note change in time and place

7:00 pm Regular Meeting

September SFC Outings

Saturday, September 6

Salmon River

Saturday, September 20

Lava Lake

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September 2014

## September Program — Thursday, September 11 7:00 pm

### Josh Richmond Shares His Experience at Bighorn Youth Adventure Camp

#### Bugology with John Rodriguez

Our own teenager Josh Richmond spent 7 days fishing Montana's Big Horn as a member of the Bighorn River Youth Adventure 2014.

Josh will share a program with pictures of his fantastic experience at the Bighorn River Youth Adventure camp that he attended this past June. The camp is designed to educate and encourage young adults to mentor the next generation of fly fishers. The Bighorn Youth Adventure Camp is sponsored by the Bighorn River Alliance along with multiple resorts, guides, tiers, and other talented people who gave their time to make this camp a success. The club sponsored Josh's trip to the camp. Josh is the youngest Certified Instructor at the age of 17 in Oregon history.

Bugology returns this September with John Rodriguez talking about Fall hatches. John's vast knowledge provides a wealth of information for the beginner to the veteran fly fisher. Fall fishing is a great time with many opportunities and John's information targets many of the hatches available.

**NOTE: CHANGE IN CASTING VENUE.** The casting venue is changed for the September meeting. We will meet at Wallace Marine Park on the soccer field near the foot bridge at 5:30-6:30 then travel to Pringle Park for the meeting. Single and two hand instruction will be available for you to tune-up or build additional casting skills. Come on out to Wallace Marine Park for some casting. Everyone is invited.

## Recognizing Our Own



Our own Dwight Klemin receiving a plaque from Keith Burkhart in recognition of Dwight being named "Outstanding Mentor of the Year" by the International Federation of Fly Fishers for his work with students to become certified instructors with the IFFF. Congratulations Dwight!

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**Board Members Wanted**  
The Santiam Flycasters want you!

We are looking for a few good men and women. If you are interested in helping decide who our presenters are and where we go for our outings, please join us. Or, if you just want to find out what goes on during the board meetings or want to share your opinion; please join us.

No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

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## Umpqua River Outing Report



Ten of us floated and fished the Umpqua for Smallmouth Bass on August 16. The weather was pleasant and overcast in the morning, but cleared and warmed up in the afternoon.



For some reason, fishing was a bit tougher than on some past trips. All of us caught fish, but they were kind of picky even in the last pool where fishing is usually pretty good. Maybe it was caused by the multitude of other fishermen and rafters/gigglers. The spin fishermen next to my campsite said they had much better success the day before (isn't that always the case?).

We had a good time, caught some fish, and enjoyed some Sloppy Joes and side dishes afterward!



## Salmon River Outing—September 6

Join us on September 6 to float the lower Salmon River to fish for Sea Run Cutthroats. A pontoon boat or other boat is needed for this outing. To get there, go West on Highways 22 and 18 to Highway 101, turn right (North) on 101 for about a mile, turn left (West) onto Three Rocks Road and follow it to the boat ramp. Plan to be there by shortly after 8:00 a.m., since we will float and fish the incoming tide upriver through high tide at about noon, and then float and fish back to the launch area.

Suggested gear is a 4-6 weight rod with either floating or intermediate line. Flies should have movement with maybe brighter colors and flash, including Spruce Fly, Bucktail Coachman, Borden Special, Mickey Finn, etc. The Reversed Spider is suggested as the September "Fly of the Month."

Tactics are simple-float along, cast to the bank, trees, or other cover, and strip the fly back. Cutthroats generally are aggressive.

Remember to bring your lunch, since this is an informal outing. Also, remember to wash your equipment when you get home since this will be salty water. If you have questions, contact Ken at [KenKarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:KenKarnosh@gmail.com).

Welcome New Member:

John Papp

**Quote:** "If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." Doug Larson

**Casting Tip:** With fall fishing available -Go Fish!

## More Fall Fishing Opportunities with the Santiam Flycasters

### Lava Lake-September 20



We will fish Lava Lake on September 20. You may also wish to drive the short distance to Hosmer Lake to fish there as well.

To get there, I prefer to drive I-5 South through Eugene, take the Highway 58 exit and drive over the Willamette Pass to Highway 61 (Crescent cutoff), turn left onto that, and turn left (North) again in about 3 miles onto USFS Road 46, and drive about 30 miles to the Lava Lake

turnoff to the right. Campsites are not reservable, and we usually camp fairly close to the boat ramp.

A floating device is needed. You may also fish Little Lava Lake close by. Use rods of 4-6 weight, with floating, intermediate, or Type 3 line. Flies are the normal lake ones, including woolly buggers, nymphs, and possibly some elk hair caddis.

We will provide the entrée for a meal on Saturday, so bring a side dish to share if you wish. If you have any questions, contact Steve Reynolds at (541)926-1055 or by e-mail at [stevedr83@hotmail.com](mailto:stevedr83@hotmail.com).

### Crooked River-October 4

So you can plan ahead, we will fish the Crooked River on October 4. Fishing traditionally has been good in the Fall, with good success on surface flies especially toward evening.

We will camp at Cobble Rock Campground. This is an informal outing, so we do not plan to provide a meal. Look for more details in the October newsletter or contact Ken at [KenKarnosh@gmail.com](mailto:KenKarnosh@gmail.com).



## 2014 SFC Outings Yet to Come

Sep 6 — Salmon River—Sea Run\*

Sep 20 — Lava Lake

Oct 4 — Crooked River\*

Oct 18 — Deschutes River—Maupin Area

Nov 15 — Detroit Lake

\* Denotes Informal Outing

Watch the web site, read the newsletter, or come to the meetings for more information as these outings approach.

## From the President By Howard Palmer

Another summer has come and gone, and fall is right around the corner. With it comes the need to rethink our strategies for targeting bigger fish. Salmon are gathering near shore and are now entering our coastal streams along with some Sea Run Cutthroat Trout.

Santiam Flycasters is offering you the chance to catch both, on Saturday, September 6th, when we will be floating the Salmon River. Ken Karnosh has agreed to host this outing, and it promises to be a fun day. There should be lots of sea runs in the river, and there is always a chance of catching an elusive Coho or two along the way. I have wanted to do this float for some time and am looking forward to the trip.

Come join us for the chance to catch some big fish, little fish, and just have a pleasant day at the beach. Bring a lunch and some water and join us for what promises to be an exciting day on the water. Oh yea, don't forget your rain gear. After all, this is September in Oregon. Look for Ken's article in this issue.

Our "official" outing for this month is to Lava Lake just south of Bend on Saturday, September 20th. This delightful impoundment offers the opportunity for some great fishing, along with the crisp nights of the approaching fall weather. I'm sure a warm fire will await us in the evenings and will also herald the morning sun. Think crisp mornings when packing for this one. Steve Reynolds has agreed



to host this one. So, if you plan to go, don't hesitate to call him.

Earlier in the year, Josh Richmond was selected to attend the Big Horn River Youth Adventure. He was only one of 12 young folks selected from around the nation to attend this FFF sponsored camp. One of the requirements of being selected is to give a presentation on the program to his local club. (That's us) and, this month Josh will be our featured speaker. It promises to be a most interesting program. Josh also became the youngest person ever to qualify as an FFF Certified Casting Instructor. He achieved this monumental goal at this year's FFF International Conclave, which was held in Montana last month.

As a side note, Jim Ferguson has advised me that next year's (2015) conclave will be held in Bend, Oregon during the second week in August. Might want to start looking for a place to stay in that area if you are planning to attend.

Our famous Oregon rain will soon be upon us; but there is still time to take advantage of the warm sunny days we have left. I hope to see you on the water.

Howard Palmer  
President,  
Santiam Flycasters

## SFC-Fish Electronic Message Board

One of the benefits of being a Santiam Flycasters member is having access to the SFC-FISH electronic message board. The message board gives members the opportunity to communicate with other about fly fishing and related topics. Once subscribed, you can post messages to SFC-FISH by sending an email to **sfc-fish@googlegroups.com**

You will receive messages posted by other members via your email account. It's as easy as that. To subscribe to SFC-FISH, simply send an email request to **santiamflycasters@yahoo.com**, and we'll subscribe you and notify you when you can begin using the message board. Note: your SFC membership must be current to be a subscriber of SFC-FISH.

## Fishing with the Frog By Howard Palmer

### *The Autumn Equinox*

Fall has always been my favorite time of the year. Its crisp cool mornings always bring thoughts of the times when, as a young boy, my father began taking me hunting. I was ten or eleven at the time; and looking back on those days, I distinctly remember not wanting to climb out of my sleeping bag, and into the cold morning air. Over the years however, I have grown to love the coolness of the mornings; sitting around a roaring campfire, with a cup of coffee in hand, as I contemplate the countless times that I have done so over the past sixty some years.

I started taking my own son with me when he was about the same age, and today it is he who is taking me. I am proud of the outdoor heritage I have passed on to him, and I look forward to our time spent together around the campfire during our annual hunting camp; and the few fishing trips that we are able to put together. His work and college classes have limited our time together over the past few years, but he recently graduated, and I am hoping that we can once again resume our fireside chats in the near future.

Now that I am in the Autumn of my life, each moment I spend in the woods doubles in importance, and I can't wait for the next one to arrive. The ravages of the aging process is slowly taking its toll, and I dread the day when I will eventually have to give it up. Growing old is not for wimps, but in the meantime, the warmth of the morning fire soothes my aching joints, and as long as I can still get there, I will continue to go. Whether I can fish after I arrive, matters not. As someone once said: *"If I had known that I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."*

It is what it is, however, and now it is time that I ensure that the legacy of enjoying the great outdoors is passed on to the next generation. Now, it is the grand-kids turn, and I am happy to say that they too have begun to relish the idea of spending the night in a tent. Well, at least some of them. The ones who care about learning, have my attention, and the ones that don't want to learn, can jolly well get their fish dinner at Safeway. They are after all, the future of our craft, and it is up to us to hand down our favorite rod to the one that will appreciate it the most.

The bottom line is that we must at least try to expose the next generation to what Mother Nature has to offer, even if they think it sucks, at first. I have personally found that it is the ones you think would be least interested are the ones that come back for more. Some of them will always have to be "entertained." But, some of them simply cannot wait for the day when they can make their next cast; and, it is they who will be writing this article sixty years down the road. Lord, I wish that I could be there . . . . .

Tight Lines;  
Howard

## September Fly of the Month— By Jim Ferguson

### Fly of the Month The Reversed Spider



Hook: TMC 200R, or equivalent, size 6-8  
 Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0 (to match body color)  
 Body: Medium black chenille  
 Hackle: Lady Amherst pheasant tippet  
 Tail: Lady Amherst pheasant tippet

#### Step-By-Step Tying Instructions

1. De-barb the hook, mount hook in vise, and attach tying thread behind eye of hook. Wrap a short thread base (see Fig.#1.)
2. Prepare the Lady Amherst tippet by stripping off the lower fibers. Hold the feather by the tip and splay out the fibers from the stem. You will use the tip of the feather for the tail section. Locate where you want the tie in position to be on the feather and tie it in with the outside of the feather on top. You want to tie in the feather with the stem pointing forward past the eye of the hook (see Fig.#2.) Make several wraps back towards the rear of the hook and trim off the tip of the feather.
3. Wrap a thread base back to a position above, the hook point (see Fig.#3.) The tail tie in position can be 1/8 inch in front of this position if you wish. Tie in the tip of the Lady Amherst feather for the tail. Tying the tail further forward would deter short striking by fish.
4. Take the tying thread to the front of the body position about 4 or 5 wraps from the front of the hackle tie in position (see Fig.#4.)
5. Wrap no more than 3 or 4 turns of hackle back along the hook shank. Butt each turn closely up behind the previous wrap and stroke the fibers forward into a forward shaped cone (see Fig.#5.) Tie off with 4 or 5 turns and cut off the excess stem and fibers (see Fig.#6.)
6. Take the thread to the middle of the shank. Prepare the chenille by stripping off the fibers from the end, revealing the core (see Fig.#7.) Tie the chenille in at the mid body position (see Fig.#8.)
7. Wrap the chenille forward up tight against the hackle providing a collar to keep the hackle from folding back. Continue to wrap the chenille to the rear to the tail tie in position. This creates a

tapered body shape (see Fig.#9.) Make two or three wraps of thread to hold the chenille.

8. Cut the tag on the chenille to leave about 1/4 inch. While maintaining tension on the bobbin, use tweezers or your finger nails to pick off the fibers of chenille to reveal the core strings (see Fig.#10.) Tie down the core and trim the waste. Whip finish at the tail and body tie down position (see Fig#11.)



Fig. #1



Fig.#2



Fig.#3



Fig.#4



Fig.#5



Fig.#6



Fig.#7



Fig.#8



Fig.#9



Fig.#10



Fig.#11

This is an excellent sea-run cutthroat pattern. The spider style can be varied using different color combinations for both body and hackle. You might try a hot orange body with a wood duck or dyed mallard hackle, a black body with yellow dyed Amherst tippet hackle, or a yellow body with golden pheasant tippet hackle.

Preston Singletary suggests you cast the fly across or slightly downstream and mend if the current requires. Hold the rod with the tip near the surface of the water and while holding the line between your finger and the cork handle, lift the rod tip about two feet, using only your wrist. As soon as the rod tip comes up, drop it to the surface again, while stripping from behind your hand holding the line to the cork. Take all the slack out of the line. This keeps the fly moving in a consistent series of movements with little slack in the line.



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**Membership Application**

**It is the mission of the Santiam Flycasters to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of all generations now and into the future by fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardianship of proper regulations and support, affiliation and cooperation with other like-minded organizations.**

2014 Membership Application

The Santiam Flycasters, P.O. Box 691, Salem, OR 97308

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Type of Membership (circle one) Regular \$25 Family \$30

\*Note: Dues are from January 1st to December 31st. There is a 50% reduction after July 1st for new members.

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Are you an FFF Member? (circle one) Yes No

Please tell us why you want to be a member (please check all that apply):

Hear presentations on various fly-fishing topics

Improve my Fly Tying skills

Improve my Fly Casting skills

Participate in fishing stream and lake improvement projects

Go on fishing trips with other club members

Learn more about fishing in the area

Other, Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

You must sign this release each year when you renew to participate in club activities.

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As a condition of membership or of participation in any activity encouraged or publicized by the Santiam Flycasters, I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgment that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to remise, fully release, hold harmless, and forever discharge the Santiam Flycasters, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property that may occur from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such Santiam Flycasters activity. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this hold harmless and release agreement, and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any rights that I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against the Santiam Flycasters for its negligence.

I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Santiam Flycasters.

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